

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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CONVERGENCE OF PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal at the national level on the convergence of National Family Welfare Programme, Reproductive and Child Health and Malaria Eradication Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for the programmes ,State-wise;
- (c) whether rural health mission is limited to 17 States ; and
- (d) if so, the details including the reasons for avoiding other States and the fund earmarked for the above programme, State-wise as on date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. A National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been conceptualized in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The proposal is under the consideration of the Government. One of the strategies of the proposed Mission relates to convergence of vertical schemes and programmes of the Department of Health & Family Welfare at National, State and District level, including the Reproductive and Child Health Programme, National Malaria Programme, National Leprosy Eradication Programme, National Kala-Azar Programme, National Iodine Deficiency Programme and National Blindness Control Programme. The details of the Mission are under finalisation.

(c) & (d) No Sir, NRHM is being proposed for the entire country, with special focus on the 17 States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, U.P., Uttaranchal, Rajasthan, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and Jammu & Kashmir. These States have been selected on the basis of their weak socio-demo indices and/or weak health infrastructure.